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WINNERS OF NASA MINORITY BUSINESS AND ADVOCATES AWARDS SELECTED

NASA will hold its **Annual Minority Business and Advocates Awards Ceremony** during **Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week** at NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, S.W. in Washington, D.C. on September 9, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. The winner of **NASA's Minority Contractor of the Year** is **Science Systems and Applications, Inc. (SSAI)**, located in Lanham, Maryland, and headed by **Dr. Om Bahethi**, its President. The firm selected as NASA's Minority Subcontractor of the Year is **Crewestone Technologies** of Hampton, Virginia, headed by **Mr. Larry Crewe**, its President. **NASA's Woman Owned Business of the Year** is **Cimarron, Inc.** of Houston, Texas, headed by Ms. **Rosalind "Roz" Doyle**, its Chief Executive Officer.

The winners of **NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medals** for their special advocacy on behalf of minority businesses are given in three categories – Technical, Procurement and Small Business. The winner in the **Technical category** is **Mr. Joseph Conley**, AST, Technical Manager at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffet Field, California. The individual selected in the Procurement category is Mr. **Carlos Torres**, Contracting Officer in the Acquisition Branch of Ames Research Center. The winner in the Small Business category is Ms. **Mary Helen Ruiz**, Small Business Specialist, at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Winners of the NASA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) **Special Recognition Awards** for lifetime achievement or a single outstanding act are: the **Minority Business and Professionals Network** of Washington, D.C., headed by Ms. **Debra Williams** and Mr. **Sunny Ezeji**; **Innovative Technologies, Inc** of Chantilly, Virginia, the producer of **NASA Television**, headed by **Mario Martinez**; and **Frontier Electronic Systems** of Stillwater, Oklahoma, headed by its President, Ms. **Peggy Shreve**, and its Chief Operating Officer, **Charles "Chuck" Gray**, for its support of the recent, successful **Aura** launch.

The **NASA Field Centers** which will receive awards for meeting all of their major small business goals which they negotiated are: **Glenn Research Center** in Cleveland, Ohio, headed by **Dr. Julian Earls**; **NASA Headquarters** in Washington, D.C., headed by Mr. **James Jennings**; **Marshall Space Flight Center** in Huntsville, Alabama, headed by Mr. **James King**; and, **Langley Research Center** in Hampton, Virginia, headed by **General Roy Bridges**.

The awards will follow a **State of Small Business at NASA Address** given by NASA Administrator **Sean O'Keefe**.

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